Militants in J & K and Punjab

661. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militants in J & K had managed to travel and to transport arms and ammunitions in vehicles camouflaging the vehicles of security forces;

(b) if so, whether Government have decided to check vehicles of security forces in J & K ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in some cases the militants had bribed their way to the security vehicles;

(d) to what extent the checking measures have helped in checking the militants activities in the State;

(e) whether the extremists activities have increased in J & K and Punjab and some rockets were fired in Jammu during December, 1990; and

(f) if so, the measure taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) (a) to (f) Use of security vehicles or those similar to them by the militants to transport arms and ammunition or to travel has not come to notice. However, in a solitary case, it came to notice that a Police vehicle was used by militants in connivance with some Police personnel. The concerned persons have been arrested and a criminal case has been registered. While no regular/systematic checking of security forces vehicles is being done, Army and Para-Military sentries do make enquiries of such vehicles entering their premises. The extremist violence is marginally on the decline in Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab in December, 1990. One incident of Rocket attack in Jammu has taken place in December, 1990.

The Security forces are alive to the situation in Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir and are taking appropriate steps in the matter.

Inquiry into Meham election violence

662. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SARDAR JAGAJIT SINGH AURORA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that former Supreme Court Judge, D.P. Madon, was entructed with the inquiry into the Meham election violence on July 24, 1990; if so, what were the terms of reference;

(b) when the commission was to submit its report, and what are the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether it is a fact that even after the lapse of four months, the commission was not provided with proper staff and office for its functioning;

(d) whether it is a fact that Mr. Justice Madon has since resigned from his post, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is Government's reaction thereto and what would be the fact of the inquiry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir. The terms of reference are indicated in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) As per the initial term, the Commission was to complete its enquiry and submit report to the Union Government within a period of three months. However, the Commission had not progressed much, and on the request of the Judge,